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INFO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJECT: BIRATNAGAR EXPLOSION AND THE NEPALI CONGRESS PARTY

REF: NEW DELHI 3849; KATHMANDU 1114

1. WE NOTE DOSHI'S REFERENCE REFTEL A TO "RECENT BOMB PLOT BY EXTREMISTS DURING KING'S SURKHET VISIT."

2. BIRENDRA'S PAST DEVELOPMENT TOURS HAVE GERMINATED ASSASSINATION RUMORS, NONE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIATED. INFO ON RUMORS CONCERNING ALLEGED SURHKET INCIDENT WERE TRANSMITTED TO NEA/INS BY OFFICIAL-INFORMAL LETTERS DATED JANUARY 9 AND 30 (TEXTS BEING POUCHED NEW DELHI AND CALCUTTA). OUR CHECKS ON ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES LED US TO CONCLUSION THAT SURKHET RUMOR HAD NO BASIS IN FACT. MOST FRIENDLY EMBASSIES HERE, INCLUDING UK (BUT NOT, APPARENTLY INDIA) DISCOUNT IT ENTIRELY.

3. AS TO BIRATNAGAR EXPLOSION (REFTEL B) THERE HAVE BEEN FEW SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT INCIDENT WAS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OR THAT NCP INVOLVED. VARIOUS PANCHA RALLIES, CONDOLENCE MEETINGS, CITIZEN STATEMENTS AND EDITORIALS, PRESUMABLY OFFICIALLY INSPIRED HAVE,

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HOWEVER, ATTRIBUTED INCIDENT TO "ANTI-SOCIAL" OR ANTI-NATIONAL

ELEMENTS. RETAIL SHOPS IN KATHMANDU CLOSED MARCH 20 AS  
CONDOLENCE GESTURE AND MASS RALLY IS PLANNED FOR MARCH 25.  
ALL OF THIS REDOUNDS TO DISCREDIT OF NCP, WHICH IS GENERALLY  
REGARDED AS EMBODIMENT OF "ANTI-NATIONAL ELEMENTS."

4. SUNDAY STATESMAN OF INDIA MARCH 17 CARRIED ARTICLE  
DATELINED FORBESGUNJ ASSERTING THAT FIVE WERE KILLED IN  
EXPLOSION AND THAT DEVICE USED WAS TIME BOMB. AS IS WELL  
KNOWN, FORBESGUNJ IS NCP STRONGHOLD AND SITE NCP TRAINING  
CAMPS.

5. AS YET NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. GON MAY HAVE DECIDED  
TO AWAIT CONCLUSION CURRENT INTENSIVE POLICE INVESTIGATION BEFORE  
MAKING OR ANNOUNCING ANY ARRESTS.  
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